

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
 Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
 San Francisco, CA 94111-3834
 (415) 576-0200

Atty. Docket No. 00287S-004830

Date February 13, 1998

In re application of: PHILIP S. GREEN

08/709,965

September 9, 1996

2713

ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL
INSTRUMENT AND METHOD
FOR USE (AS AMENDED)

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231.

Date: February 13, 1998

Rhonda J. Stine
Rhonda J. Stine

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

 Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond. Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement & PTO Form 1449, w/ cited Ref. AA. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[] If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE ADDIT. FEE OR	RATE ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 32	MINUS 21	= 11	11x11= \$121.00	x22= \$
INDEP. 6	MINUS 3	= 3	3x41= \$123.00	x82= \$
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+135= \$ 0.00	+270= \$
			TOTAL \$244.00	TOTAL \$
			ADDIT. FEE OR	

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2,
 write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

[] No fee is due.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430 as follows:

- Claims fee \$ 244.00
 Any additional fees associated with this paper or during the pendency of this application.
2 Extra copies of this sheet are enclosed.

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

Mark D. Barrish, Reg. No.: 36,443
 Attorneys for Applicant
 Phone (650) 326-2400